Thank You to All Who Donated... to Mujeres Humanitarian Fund for helping families during the Covid19 crisis. We have been able to pay rent for families, help them with their electric bills, and purchase Ingles cards to distribute. We have also, sadly, had to help one of our ladies who lost both her father and a brother-in-law to Covid19 in Mexico and has numerous siblings and relatives who remain sick with that illness.

With our help, she has been able to send money to pay for needed health care for the sick ones and the funerals for those who died.

In Mexico, if one does not have money to pay up front, one does not receive medical care. We continue to donate money to her family for medical care and living expenses. Thank you again for your help that made us able to help these many families.

Thank you to all who donated to La Esperanza First Sunday offering. These funds help us continue the outreach work to the Latina families. Although our church activities are no longer taking place due to Covid19 we do continue to stay in touch with and support the families as best we can. Peace and Blessings!!
Pisgah Legal Services:

JULY’S FIRST SUNDAY OPEN OFFERING

Navigating Hard Times Is What We Do Best: A Message from Jim Barrett, Pisgah Legal Services Executive Director

In almost four decades at Pisgah Legal Services, a nonprofit that provides free, civil legal aid to people living in poverty in Western North Carolina, I’ve witnessed a great deal, both good times and bad. These times, as we all know, are extraordinary.

We restate our commitment to stand for justice and dignity for all. Our mission is to pursue justice and improve the lives of low-income people in WNC. We continue to fight and advocate to improve the lives of our most vulnerable neighbors, including pushing for Medicaid expansion in North Carolina. We are working hard to address the hardships folks are facing that are made worse by this pandemic.

This is what we do best: help people through economic crisis, manage mounting debts, avoid unfair foreclosures and evictions, escape domestic violence and secure health care which is needed now more than ever.

Providing free civil legal aid to local people now will make a world of difference in their lives years from now.

Our resilient staff seamlessly transitioned to work remotely. They have cross-trained to learn new skills and areas of the law in order to meet needs. We added online applications to our website, technology that has been invaluable. We’ve expanded to Avery, Jackson, Macon, Mitchell and Yancey counties so more people in our region have access to these critical services.

What keeps me up at night is knowing that we must do more; thousands more need our help. As the courts hear more cases and eviction protections are lifted, we are bracing for a flood of clients who are facing homelessness. Domestic violence is increasing, and millions are without jobs. The economy will not rebound fully until we have a cure or vaccine for the coronavirus. This a marathon, not a sprint. The needs are immediate, but the impacts will also be long lasting. We appreciate the Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit’s support and look forward to continuing to stand for justice alongside Pisgah Legal Services.

—Jim Barrett, Pisgah Legal Services Executive Director

Our Annual Reminder

Weekly Spirit and Mountain Spirit are separate publications, each with its own editor. Items for Weekly Spirit should be directed to Martie Carson, ECHS office administrator, at office@holyspiritwnc.org and sent no later than Tuesday for publication in that week’s letter.

Items for the monthly newsletter, Mountain Spirit, should be directed to Lorrie Cooper at lorriec773@gmail.com. Deadlines for Mountain Spirit submission are always indicated on the calendar. Items which need to appear in both the weekly and monthly publications should be emailed to both email addresses.
“I am not saying never . . . I am just saying not this time . . .”

Ever hear that from your Mom growing up? I sure did, and more than once.

Well, those words have been ringing in my head as the best laid plans bite the dust in my life . . . and I know many of your lives as well.

So it comes as no surprise that we will NOT be having the Women’s Retreat at Lake Logan in October. Disappointing, never the less. Reasons are the logical ones we hear every day: We are the high-risk demographic group; October/fall may see the second wave of COVID. All the unknown.

For now we wait, we wash, and we wear masks. And we have faith. That is how we prepare for later. As time goes on and conditions change with the promise of vaccines, we will again have a women’s retreat and it will be so wonderful!! Meanwhile, stay in touch with one another. A brief email, phone call or text just to say “hello, how are you doing ?”

Waiting, Washing and Wearing . . .

. . . And keeping the Faith!

—Peggy Wilson

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**ZOOM MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

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July Calendar

Every Tuesday ~ Evening Prayer via Zoom at 7:00 p.m.

Every Wednesday ~ Centering Prayer via Zoom at 10:00 a.m.

Every Thursday ~ Evening Prayer via Zoom at 7:00 p.m.

Every Sunday ~ Morning Prayer via Zoom at 10:30 a.m.

Other:

4 ~ INDEPENDENCE DAY!

5 ~ The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

12 ~ The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

16 ~ Finance Committee Meeting at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom

19 ~ The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

21 ~ Vestry meeting at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom

26 ~ The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July Birthdays

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Black Jesus Book Group

The ECHS Black Jesus Book Group’s next meeting is scheduled to happen virtually on Zoom **Thursday, August 20 at 10:00am.** We will discuss *How to be an Antiracist* by Ibram X. Kendi.

Please acquire your own copy of the book and come prepared to discuss. The book jacket reads:

Antiracism is a transformative concept that reorients and reenergizes the conversation about racism— and, even more fundamentally, points us toward liberating new ways of thinking about ourselves and each other. At its core, racism is a powerful system that creates false hierarchies of human value; its warped logic extends beyond race, from the way we regard people of different ethnicities or skin colors to the way we treat people of different sexes, gender identities, and body types.

Racism intersects with class and culture and geography and even changes the way we see and value ourselves.

In *How to Be an Antiracist*, Kendi takes readers through a widening circle of antiracist ideas—from the most basic concepts to visionary possibilities—that will help readers see all forms of racism clearly, understand their poisonous consequences, and work to oppose them in our systems and in ourselves. Kendi weaves an electrifying combination of ethics, history, law, and science with his own personal story of awakening to antiracism. This is an essential work for anyone who wants to go beyond the awareness of racism to the next step: contributing to the formation of a just and equitable society.

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**Madison Friendship Fund**

The mission of the Madison Friendship Fund is to support the basic needs of individuals who have been adversely affected by COVID-19. The amount in the fund is limited. All applications for assistance will be reviewed, and applicants will be contacted about their eligibility. Call 828-649-2711 for more information, or visit online at [WWW.MADISONFRIENDSHIPFUND.COM](http://WWW.MADISONFRIENDSHIPFUND.COM).

The Madison Friendship Fund Application deadline is close of business, July 31, 2020, or postmarked no later than July 31, 2020. **Funds are limited and not guaranteed.**